

tinus montanus). This being in June, all were mated and preparing to nest.

One day, while riding up a water-course in the heart of a great pine forest, I saw, but 20 or 30 yards away, a female Grosbeak with a beak full of dry grass, hopping on the ground, closely followed by three males. I drew up at once, and from the saddle I watched the actions of the birds, with the hope that I might discover the location of the nest. The three males, in their anxiety each one to be nearer than the other to the female, caused her to drop her load, and fly into a pine tree, the three males following. The whole lot finally disappeared among the pines well up the hill-side. Examination of the tree into which the birds flew revealed nothing, and though I passed this spot every day or two, I saw nothing more of the birds. At other times I followed pairs that had come some distance to drink, from tree to tree over hills and hollows, with nothing but failure at the end.—GEO. F. BRENINGER, *Phoenix, Ariz.*

Another Record of *phryothorus ludovicianus* in Massachusetts.—As I was returning home about seven o'clock on the morning of September 6, 1902, I stopped near the edge of a damp thicket of bushes and small trees, consisting of willows, red maples and gray birches, with tangles of briars and wild grapes. This tract, several acres in extent, is in the northern part of Fall River, Mass. After a few moments my attention was attracted by a new bird song. This came from a black alder bush, which was so thick I could not identify the singer. After singing there for a few moments, the bird hopped on to an exposed twig, and I at once secured it,—a male Carolina Wren. Dr. Dwight, after examining the bird, has kindly written me that it is a young bird, in juvenal plumage. Among other variations of the song, I noted some which I presume are those Mr. Chapman refers to as the 'tea-kettle' notes.—OWEN DURFEE, *Fall River, Mass.*

The Blue-gray Gnatcatcher in Massachusetts.—I observed a Gnatcatcher, doubtless the Blue-gray (*Polioptila carulea*) at West Manchester, Mass., November 16, 1902. My attention was at first attracted by a new bird note—a nasal *twee*—several times repeated. The bird was flitting about in the top of an apple-tree and gave me a good, though brief opportunity to note his catbird-like form and kinglet-like actions before he flew farther off. He was very active and soon disappeared entirely, but not without having shown me his blue-gray color against the green of a Norway spruce. Messrs. Howe and Allen's list of the 'Birds of Massachusetts,' credits the State with six records for this species—all in the fall (August 27–December 18). West Manchester is only a few miles from Magnolia, where Mr. Outram Bangs took an immature female, August 27, 1879.—FRANCIS H. ALLEN, *Boston, Mass.*